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**COLORADO BULLETIN NO.:** CO-190-05-05

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**SUBJECT:** ECS – Reporting Habitat Managed for Threatened or Endangered Species or for Species With Declining Populations

**TO:** All Employees

**PURPOSE:** To Provide Guidance on Reporting Habitat for Declining, Threatened and Endangered Species

**EXPIRATION DATE:** September 30, 2005

**ACTION REQUIRED BY:** September 30, 2005

Colorado Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has a goal for FY 2005 of 30,000 acres of “Agricultural Lands Managed for the Protection and Enhancement of Habitat for Species with Declining Populations.” Species with declining populations includes federally listed threatened or endangered species, federal candidate or proposed species, state threatened or endangered species, state species of special concern and species recommended by the State Technical Committee as being in decline and in need of targeted efforts. The attached spreadsheet contains Colorado’s list of species covered in these groups. The map (listed on page 4 of this document) shows areas where we expect habitat improvement efforts to benefit some of these species.

The Business Rule for reporting Declining Populations (or T&E) states it must be the Primary Resource Concern and that the conservation plan includes direct reference/practices for the species.

In Colorado we have developed the following T&E or declining species Conservation System Guides(CSG) to attach to plans in Toolkit. The species that are expected to benefit are also listed. These are some of the most commonly encountered planning situations for declining wildlife species in these Conservation Resource Areas (CRA). If a Field office has a situation that is not addressed, contact [Terri Skadeland](#) about developing the needed guides. If a planner writes a wildlife plan in one of these CRAs, in or near the habitat areas shown on the map, and for the appropriate land use/cover type, and it does not benefit these species, the planner will document on the CPA-52 form the effects to these species, the benefited species, and also be certain that NRCS [endangered species policy](#) is being followed.

CRA 34A.1

Mountain Shrub-Columbian sharp-tailed grouse  
Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 34B.1

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 36.2

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 34A.1

Mountain Shrub-Columbian sharp-tailed grouse

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 34B.1

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 36.2

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 48A.1

Mountain Shrub-Columbian sharp-tailed grouse

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 48B.1

Sagebrush-steppe-sage grouse

CRA 49.1

Shortgrass-mountain plover, burrowing owl

CRA 51.1

Irrigated Cropland-greater sandhill cranes

Playas-greater sandhill cranes

Wetlands-greater sandhill cranes

Created artificial wetlands-greater sandhill cranes

Shortgrass-mountain plover

Riparian/Instream-woody-SW willow flycatcher, yellow-billed cuckoo

Riparian/Instream-herbaceous- SW willow flycatcher, yellow-billed cuckoo

CRA 67B.1

Shortgrass-mountain plover, burrowing owl

Sandsage-greater prairie chicken

Riparian/Instream woody-bobwhite, warmwater fish species

Riparian/Instream herbaceous-warmwater fish species

CRA 69.1

Shortgrass-mountain plover, burrowing owl

Sandsage-lesser prairie chicken

Riparian/Instream woody-bobwhite, warmwater fish species

Riparian/Instream herbaceous-warmwater fish species

CRA 72.1

Sandsage-greater prairie chicken

Riparian/Instream woody-bobwhite, warmwater fish species

Riparian/Instream herbaceous-warmwater fish species

Contact [Mike Wall](#) with questions about Toolkit and the Progress Reporting System (PRS) system.

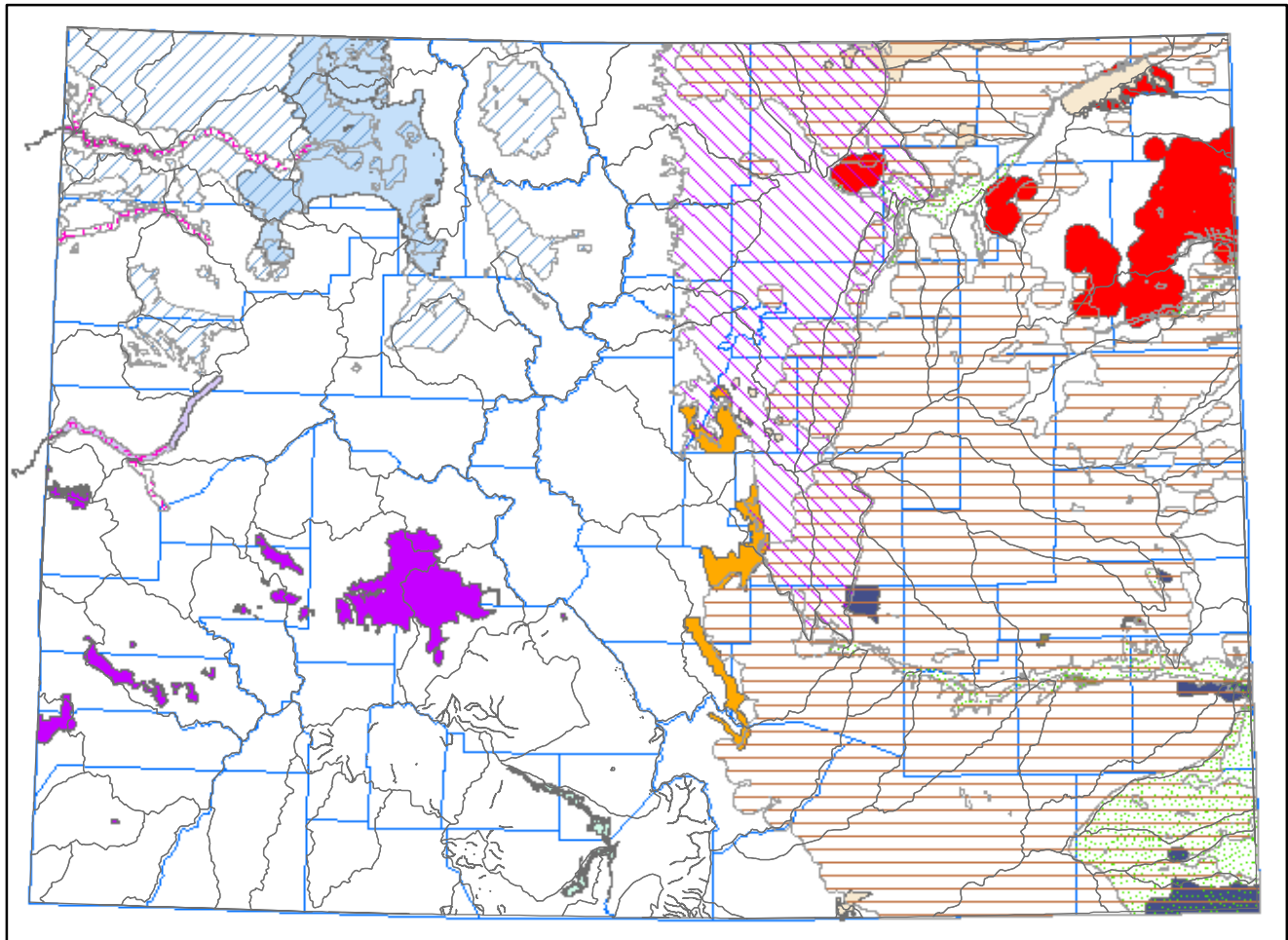
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# Declining Species Habitat Areas



## Legend

Rio Grande Cutthroat	Bobwhite	Gunnison Sage Grouse
Colorado Pikeminnow	Greater Sage Grouse	Greater Pr. Chicken
Humpback Chub	Plains Sharp-tailed Grouse	Columbian Sharp-tailed Grouse
Razorback Sucker	Piping Plover	Mexican Spot. Owl Crit. Hab. 2004
Swift Fox	Lesser Prairie Chicken	SW Willow Flycatcher Prop. Crit. Hab.
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